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# Mardi Gras arrests higher this year than 2010 event

By DAN SMITH  
news senior writer

USU police officers issued three arrest citations and gave medical assistance to a pregnant woman complaining of possible labor pains on Saturday night during the Mardi Gras Celebration in the TSC.

Sgt. Jessica Elder of the USU Police said they expected to see around 3,500 people – the same as last year – but the actual turnout was about 800 people below that.

“We didn’t have any arrests last year,” Elder said. “Last year was the most toned-down year we’ve had for Mardi Gras since I’ve been here.”

Saturday night around 1 a.m., Michael Christoffersen, 22, received a citation for intoxication after he blew a .089 on a breathalyzer test – just over the legal limit. Elder said anyone who has been

drinking can be charged with intoxication if they pose a potential threat to themselves or someone else.

Christoffersen, who recently returned to Logan from Iowa, said he was excited to hang out with his friends. He said he was not a student at USU and originally told police he had not been

drinking.

“I was keeping an eye on him because I knew he was drunk, I could smell it, I could tell,” said Matt Ward, who was working as an event volunteer for the music deejay. Ward said he is also a part-time officer for Logan City Police.

Ward said Christoffersen climbed onto the stage about five times and started dancing. Each time he got on stage he was asked to get down to avoid damaging expensive equipment. Ward said he finally told the police, who escorted Christoffersen to

their command center in the student services office.

Elder said Christoffersen was close to getting put in handcuffs and taken to Cache County Jail for his insistent, belligerent arguing with the officers, which lasted almost 30 minutes.

“He thinks that it’s comical that he’s been told five times, and he talks about how he’s not used to following rules and things like that,” Elder said. “That tells you what his state of mind is.”

One male student who was under 21 was arrested by Officer Kent Harris for underage drinking, or minor-in-possession (MIP), after blowing .140 on the breathalyzer. His female cousin, who was 24, was arrested for supplying alcohol to a minor after admitting she bought the alcohol her cousin drank.

Harris said the two cousins were seen trying to leave the event from an unauthorized exit and the woman appeared to be holding the man up. When he got closer to explain which exit to use, Harris said he could smell alcohol on his breath.



**USU POLICE MEET** to discuss the best way to patrol the Mardi Gras celebration held in the Taggart Student Center, Saturday. **BRECK BYINGTON** photo

“So we had three alcohol arrests this year. Alcohol is always going to be our problem, our battle at these kinds of events, people causing trouble,” Elder said. “But overall, nobody’s hurt or injured, so it seems like a

pretty decent night.”

A handful of warnings were issued throughout the night both in the Fieldhouse and the TSC for rowdiness. Officers Joe Huish and Sutton Hanzalik gave chase to a few men who were moshing in

the crowd on the dance floor in the Sunburst Lounge.

Hanzalik said a couple of guys wearing blazers, who were asked by event staff to

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**GRADUATE RECORD EXAMS (GRE)** have been altered so that the results more accurately represent the knowledge of those taking them. The scoring as well as the formatting have been adjusted to achieve this. **ANI AGHABABYAN** photo

## Changes made in graduate testing

By MEGAN BAINUM  
assistant news editor

The Graduate Record Exam (GRE) will change August 2011, in hopes that the new format and test questions will better reflect what students need to know in the real world and show graduate schools the depth of knowledge applicants have.

The content and format of the test will change, said USU testing supervisor Eric Jensen. The types of questions asked in each section has been modified for a more up-to-date feel, he said.

“The argument has been ‘what does this test have to do with real life situations?’ There will be improvements to it. It is more like what we see in real life,” Jensen said.

Business graduate student Matt Todd said when he took the GRE it was just “another hoop to jump through,” and the things he was tested on don’t really have anything to do with what he has learned in grad school.

“I think there are so many other factors that go into success that are beyond standardize tests,” Todd said. “The GRE, in my opinion, certainly didn’t test on anything you are going to get in graduate programs.”

It’s that overall feeling that the test companies want to change, Fawson said. She said

the new GRE questions will make students apply what they have learned and will make it easier for students who show that they have the skills graduate schools are looking for.

April Fawson, graduate admissions officer, said it is going to be easier for students to articulate their ideas.

According to the new GRE website, the questions focus more on the “types of skills that are required to meet today’s demanding graduate and business school expectations.”

Fawson said with the current version, students make decisions based on minute differences in skill. With the changes to how questions are asked, it will better represent college reasoning and analytical skills, she said.

With these changes, Fawson said the scores will better reflect the differences between two students. Right now, she said graduate schools make a decision about an applicant when they see a student with a score of 600 and a student with a score of 650 and think it is a huge difference when it was only a one- or two-point difference.

The current scoring system has the verbal and quantitative reasoning scores with a 200-800 scale with 10-point increments and the analytical writing has a 0-6 point scale with half-point increments. With the new GRE, the scoring for the analytical writing section will

stay the same, but the verbal and quantitative reasoning sections will have a 130-170 scale with one-point increments.

According to the GRE website, with these changes, “small differences in scoring will look like small differences, while bigger differences will continue to stand out.”

With the concern that graduate schools won’t know how to compare the scores from the current and new test, Jensen said each school will be getting a score comparison chart while the new GRE is transitioning.

When a school receives a student’s GRE score after the new test has been introduced, they will receive the scores in both the old test scale, and the new test scale. This will ensure that schools will understand what they are looking at, Jensen said.

The format of the test has undergone a complete overhaul as well. The current GRE uses an adaptive format. Students are not answering the same questions as their neighbor, and usually not even the same number of questions. The test will start out with easier questions and based on if the student gets them right or wrong, the computer will adjust back and forth until the score is determined.

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# Replacements selected for VP positions

By ROUCHELLE BROCKMAN  
staff writer

Vice president for University Advancement, F. Ross Peterson, and associate vice president of research, Joyce Kinkead, are both stepping down from their current positions before fall of 2011. The two departures are unrelated.

Peterson will begin his new position, special assistant to the president, on April 1. Kinkead will be on sabbatical leave in France for one year, beginning July 1. She will return to the university as a full-time member of faculty in the English department in Fall 2012.

Peterson will be replaced by Annette Herman Harder, current director of the USU Swaner Preserve and EcoCenter in Park City. She will be assuming the role of chief operating officer for advancement. Kinkead will be replaced by Scott Bates, who is currently a professor of psychology.

The vice president for advancement is responsible for alumni relations, public relations and marketing, and all fundraising for the university. Peterson is also in charge of the USU Comprehensive Capital Campaign, a fundraising effort that began in 2007

and aims to raise \$400 million dollars before June 30, 2012. These funds have been and will be used for scholarships, endowments and building construction.

“I have tried to reconnect alumni back to the university,” Peterson said of his three years working on the campaign, “I try to get them excited about

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**ROSS PETERSON**



**JOYCE KINKEAD**

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Nat'l Briefs

Couple gets married on love train in Philly

PHILADELPHIA (AP) – Nearly 40 years after a Philadelphia record company released the O’Jays’ hit song “Love Train,” there actually was such a thing in the City of Brotherly Love. One adventurous couple got married on the elevated train as it passed by dozens of love-themed rooftop murals. Krisy Plourde and Tom Golden said their vows aboard the Market-Frankford line on Sunday, just ahead of Valentine’s Day. The subway car was packed with friends and relatives and festooned with white garlands. Philadelphia Mayor Michael Nutter performed the ceremony. Other cars on the special El were filled with visitors taking a narrated tour of the “Love Letter” murals, which parallel the train tracks in West Philadelphia.

Founder of 2 natural food chains resigns

PHOENIX (AP) – The founder of two chains of natural foods stores has resigned after he was arrested in a child prostitution sting in Phoenix. Sunflower Farmers Market CEO Michael Gilliland was accused of soliciting sex online with someone who identified herself as an underage girl. He faces a charge of felony child prostitution. Gilliland resigned from Sunflower, which has locations in seven states. He also founded Wild Oats Markets Inc., which was acquired by Whole Foods Market in 2007.

Gilliland was one of eight men arrested Thursday in the sting. Sunflower said Gilliland told the company he believes he is not guilty. Sunflower’s president and COO, Chris Sherrell, was named acting chief executive by the company’s board of directors.

LateNiteHumor

Top 10 Hosni Mubarak Future Plans – Feb. 10, 2011

- 10. Chill.
- 9. Gonna look for a place in the Poconos.
- 8. Check classifieds for job openings under “Ruthless Dictator.”
- 7. Wander around the Sahara desert with his metal detector.
- 6. Heard “The Office” needs a new boss to replace Steve Carell.
- 5. Golf with Osama.
- 4. Do some freestyle pickin.’
- 3. Watch Snooki on Dave. It’s gonna be sick!
- 2. Hoping his intolerance and thug-ish behavior will land him a job at Fox News.
- 1. Launching pop career under the name “Hustin Mubieber.”

Egypt’s military dissolves parliament

CAIRO (AP) – Egypt’s military rulers took sweeping action to dismantle the autocratic legacy of former President Hosni Mubarak on Sunday, dissolving parliament, suspending the constitution and promising elections in moves cautiously welcomed by pro-democracy protesters. They also met with representatives of the broad-based youth movement that brought down the government after an 18-day uprising that trans-fixed the world. The caretaker government, backed by the military, said restoring security was a top priority even as labor unrest reflected one of the many challenges of steering the Arab world’s biggest nation toward stability and democracy. On Sunday, prominent activist Wael Ghonim posted on a Facebook page he manages notes from a meeting between members of the military council and youth representatives, which he described as encouraging. The military defended the caretaker government, stocked with Mubarak loyalists, as necessary for now in the interests of stability but pledged to soon change it, said Ghonim and another protester, Amr Salama, in the statement. “They said they will go after corrupt people no matter what their position current or previous,” the statement added. Amendments to the much reviled constitution will

be prepared by an independent committee over the next 10 days and then presented for approval in a popular referendum to be held in two months, they said. The military also encouraged the youth to consider forming political parties and pledged to meet with them regularly. “We felt a sincere desire to protect the gains of the revolution and an unprecedented respect for the right of young Egyptians to express their opinions,” Ghonim said. Even amid the efforts to build a new system, Egypt’s upheaval has splintered into a host of smaller grievances, the inevitable outcome of emboldened citizens feeling free to speak up, most for the first time. They even included about 2,000 police, widely hated for brutality and corruption under Mubarak, who marched to the Interior Ministry to demand better pay and conditions. They passed through the protest camp at Tahrir Square, where demonstrators hurled insults, calling them “pigs” and “dogs.” Egypt’s state news agency announced banks would be closed Monday due to strikes and again Tuesday for a public holiday. Dozens of employees protested against alleged corruption at the state television building, which broadcast pro-Mubarak messages during the massive demonstrations against his rule.

The caretaker government met for the first time, and employees removed a huge frame photograph of Mubarak from the meeting room before they convened. The crowds in the protest encampment that became a symbol of defiance against the government thinned out Sunday. Traffic flowed through downtown area for the first time in weeks. The protesters have been pressing the ruling military council, led by Defense Minister Hussein Tantawi,

to immediately move forward with the transition by appointing a presidential council, dissolving parliament and releasing political prisoners. Thousands have remained in Tahrir Square and some want to keep up the pressure for immediate steps, including repeal of repressive emergency laws that give police broad power. As Egypt embarked on its new path, the impact of its historic revolt and an earlier uprising in Tunisia was evident in a region where democratic reform has made few inroads.



OFFICIALS REMOVE A PORTRAIT of ousted Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak at the main Cabinet building in Cairo, on Sunday. Egyptians are removing portraits of Mubarak which have hung in public and private institutions throughout his three decades in power. AP photo

Laughing gas back as option for labor pain

CONCORD, N.H. (AP) – Labor pain is nothing to laugh at. Yet. The use of nitrous oxide, or laughing gas, during childbirth fell out of favor in the United States decades ago, and just two hospitals still offer it. But interest in returning the dentist office staple to the delivery room is growing: respected hospitals including Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center plan to start offering it, the federal government is reviewing it, and after a long hiatus, the equipment needed to administer it is expected to hit the market soon. Though nitrous oxide is commonly used for labor pain relief in Canada, Great Britain and other countries, it’s been all but abandoned in the United States in favor of other options, such as epidurals,

said Judith Bishop a certified nurse midwife at the University of California San Francisco Medical Center and leader in the effort to reintroduce nitrous oxide for labor. Bishop and other advocates of reintroducing nitrous oxide emphasize that it is no silver bullet – it “takes the edge off” pain rather than eliminates it. Laughing gas is easy for women to self-administer, takes effect quickly, and can be used late in labor. Michelle Collins, a certified nurse midwife and assistant nursing professor in Tennessee, previously worked as a nurse in London and saw how widely and well nitrous oxide was used there. She has been working with an anesthesiologist to bring nitrous oxide for laboring women at Vanderbilt University Medical Center and said she expects it to become

available later this year. At Dartmouth-Hitchcock, where officials plan to order two machines, nurse midwife Suzanne Serat estimated that 10-20 percent of her patients might try nitrous oxide. “We have a number of people who don’t want to feel the pain of labor, and nitrous oxide would not be a good option for them. They really need an epidural, and that’s perfect for them,” she said. “Then we have a number of people who are going to wait and see what happens, and when they’re in labor, decide they’d like something and then the only option for them is an epidural but they don’t need something that strong. So they would choose to use something in the middle, but we just don’t have anything in the middle.”

Fire on Wash. reservation destroys 18 homes

WHITE SWAN, Wash. (AP) – Dozens of fire-fighters battled a blaze fueled by strong winds on Washington’s Yakama Indian Reservation that destroyed 18 homes, officials said. The fire apparently started in one house in the early Saturday afternoon and then spread in the

town of White Swan, bolstered by 40 mph winds. The blaze raged for most of the day. Early Sunday, Yakima County District 5 Fire Chief Brian Vogel told The Associated Press that the wild land fires had been controlled, but thousands of logs on log decks at one of the mills were



A HOUSE BURNS AS WINDS spread fire throughout White Swan, Wash., Saturday. A fire aided by dry grass and high winds led to voluntary evacuations for a part of the town of White Swan in the Yakama Indian Reservation. AP photo

still burning. They’re expected to burn for another 24 hours, the Yakima Herald-Republic reported Sunday. No residents were hurt but two firefighters were treated for minor injuries, Sgt. George Town of the Yakima County Sheriff’s Office told the AP. Some residents voluntarily evacuated and took shelter at the town’s ceremonial long house and high school. Residents will be allowed to return to their homes Sunday afternoon, fire officials told the Herald-Republic. Rural roads leading to the town, located about 35 miles southwest of Yakima, were blocked off due to the danger posed by the fire, the Yakima County Sheriff’s dispatch office said. The Yakima Herald-Republic said earlier estimates of 20 homes destroyed were downgraded Sunday to 18 homes plus some barns and buildings. Town said Saturday night that about 70 fire-fighters fought the blaze, which was fueled by high winds that were expected to keep up through the night.

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# Week urges relationship health

By KATE MARSHALL  
staff writer

The Wellness Center, GLBTA office, the Counseling Center and SAAVI (Sexual Assault and Anti-Violence Information) collaborated to organize Healthy Relationship and Sexual Responsibility Week, which begins Monday, Feb. 14.

Monica Heiner is the SAAVI coordinator at USU. She has a master's in social work and is a certified social worker. As victim advocate for the university, any student or staff that is a victim of violence are entitled to her services.

"I help students and with crisis counseling, problem-solving and connect them to campus and community resources. I also have the opportunity to create and implement educational programs or initiatives to keep sexual health at the forefront of students minds," she said.

This is part of the reason the health departments are making a collaborative effort to help students to have healthier relationships sexually and mentally.

Karinne Van Wagoner, a senior in community health education, is an intern at the wellness center. She was in charge of planning the fair.

"Something I really want people to gain from this is to realize that everyone is different. To be aware of that, and be patient is crucial when it comes to being in a relationship," she said.

Van Wagoner and Ashlee Cannon, a senior in community health, organized donations from local businesses for the fair, which will be used for prizes that students can win in the raffle. Participants can win gift cards to restaurants and salons, the Anniversary Inn and some dating packages.

"We're trying to get the information out there that there are risks, even at Utah State, and things you can do to prevent suffering from those," Cannon said.

Heiner said it's sometimes hard to tell the difference between a healthy and an unhealthy relationship when you are in the heat of the situation.

"Your brain is in survival mode, so it's hard to

distinguish. I would encourage students to recognize if there are certain topics that they don't feel like they can bring up in conversation with their partner," she said.

Heiner also said not being able to communicate about certain topics can be a risk, and students should consider whether the consequences of that conflict would be violent or just conversational.

Heiner advised students to look at the control in the relationship.

"If you're wondering if your relationship is healthy, ask yourself if you're allowed to have friends outside of your relationship, and if you can spend time on your hobbies, and with your family," she said. "If there is major jealousy or manipulation going on, it's probably not mentally healthy for either party."

Ryan Barfus, prevention specialist at USU, is responsible for preventative education inside classrooms, and deals with judicial problems on campus having to do with drug and alcohol abuse.

"People go to parties, hang out and drink together. The problem is, if that's the foundation of the relationship, it usually isn't a strong one," he said.

Barfus said building trust, compatibility and communication are a much better foundation, if the relationship is to go further than just having fun together.

If students find they are caught in a relationship they realize is unhealthy, or they no longer feel comfortable in, Heiner and Barfus both advise them to seek help and guidance. This can come from the free counseling available on campus, a spiritual adviser or even from good friends and family.

"I encourage people to be willing to call, or send an e-mail and ask questions. Relationships aren't easy, and people should feel free to seek advice," Heiner said. "It's always better if you prepare and prevent the problem before it becomes a major

issue, and we provide that perspective."

Heiner said people should decide what kind of relationship they want before they enter into any kind of commitment, and that there must be self-discovery before they decide. They need to define what their physical, social and emotional boundaries are.

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— Ryan Barfuss,  
USU prevention  
specialist

She said sometimes students forget that everyone is on their best behavior on a first date, or sometimes even the first 17 dates, and each person needs to spend time objectively looking at the relationship.

"People absolutely need to spend time getting to know one another, without sexual correspondences. They need to be honest about why they're in the relationship, and why it's satisfying to them," Heiner said.

The Healthy Relationship and Sexual Responsibility fair will include the True Aggie dating game.

"There will be three students on one side of a wall, and one on the other. The one gets to choose one of the three to go on a date with after asking them a bunch of questions. We'll play that multiple times, and participants win one of our dating packages," Barfus said.

Barfus said there will also be a dating panel at the fair, where students can ask the panel any questions they have concerning relationships or dating. The panel will include different types of counselors, a medical expert, married students and others.

There will also be booths that will have dating ideas, tips on how to get help, how to enhance relationships, attendance of "The Vagina Monologues" will be promoted, along with all the resources that are available for students on campus.

The dating game will take place in the International Lounge from 11:30 -12:30, and the panel will be from 12:30-1:30. The week's activities will extend through Friday.

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## Briefs

Campus & Community

### Speaker explains the art of choreography

Award-winning director and choreographer Camille Litalien is the featured speaker for February's Kiger Hour event. Litalien, assistant professor of dance and movement in the Caine College of the Arts and its Theatre Arts Department, will describe how her experiences as a performer shaped her teaching of dance theater.

The title of Litalien's presentation is "Dance Theatre as a Practice of Embodiment."

Litalien has performed internationally with the likes of Michael Keegan Dolan of the Fabulous Beast Dance Theatre, David McVicar of the Royal Opera House in London and David Lan of Young Vic Theatre Company. She has extensive teaching experience in universities throughout the United Kingdom and in major conservatories in Europe, including the Royal Ballet School in London and the Art Academy of Culture, Riga in Latvia.

Litalien's primary interest lies in the study of embodiment through choreography, improvisation, devised theater, somatic and movement studies.

Kiger Hour is a social and intellectual program presented by Utah State University and sponsored by the College of Humanities and Social Sciences and the Caine College of the Arts.

Litalien is featured Thursday, Feb. 17, from 5:15-7 p.m. at Hamilton's Steak and Seafood, 2427 N. Main St., Logan. A buffet with appetizers, desserts and soft drinks, iced tea or coffee is available. Cost is \$6.95 per person (plus tax and gratuity) and billed on an individual basis. Guests can also order from the menu, and a cash bar is available.

### Concert hall will present circus act

Artists create scenes and stories, earthbound and in mid-air, through the art of juggling, dance and aerial performance as the Finnish contemporary circus group Circo Aereo performs Monday, Feb. 21, at Utah State University Kent Concert Hall.

"With skilled magical cameos, four Circo Aereo performers will create a half-circus, half-cabaret arrangement using music, props and costume changes for an unforgettable fantasy experience," said Kristi Chester, publicity manager for Baylin Artists.

Circo Aereo will perform acts from its 2010-11 tour "Espresso: European New Circus for the 21st Century."

"'Espresso' is a high speed ride through the labyrinth of the history of circus — the kind of voyage where one's gaze can only grasp images, glimmers of light and movement," Chester said.

### Published duo expound on the Paiute's history

The Friends of the Merrill-Cazier Library spring lecture features a photographer and author who will discuss their collaboration on the book "Southern Paiute: A Portrait."

The book is the culmination of more than nine years' work by writer William Logan Hebner and photographer Michael L. Plyler and is published by USU Press, a department of Utah State University's University Libraries.

The lecture is Thursday, Feb. 17, 7 p.m., Merrill-Cazier Library, Room 101, on the USU campus. The lecture is free and open to all.

For the book, Hebner interviewed and Plyler photographed Southern Paiutes across the large expanse of their homelands extending from southeastern Utah to southern California.

"Then, Hebner framed the Paiutes' stories with a thoroughly researched overview of their history and culture," said John Alley, USU Press. "Though today dispersed in widely separated communities in Utah, Arizona, Nevada and California, the Southern Paiutes historically held a broad swath of the desert Southwest."

The oral histories in the book recount cultural traditions and discuss important historical events such as the Mountain Meadows Massacre.

■ Compiled from staff and media reports

## Money won is twice as sweet as money earned



**USU STUDENTS PLAY CASINO GAMES** at Mardi Gras, Saturday, while others who attended the event danced and listened to live music by DJ Marcus Wing. An entertainer, who has established himself as a "mentalist," traveled to Logan to perform at the party. BRECK BYINGTON photo

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## PoliceBlotter

### Friday, Feb. 4

- USU Police responded to a fire alarm in the San Juan Hall building. The alarm was activated by a resident who was blow drying her hair too close to the smoke detector. The alarm was silenced and reset without any further problems.

- USU Police received a criminal mischief report at the Aggie Terrace. It appeared that someone had shut off valves in a machine room. Damage to the door entering the machine room was also documented. Police are investigating.

- USU Police received a report of a theft of a parking pass from a vehicle in the Merrill Hall parking lot. This investigation is continuing.

### Saturday, Feb. 5

- An older woman was escorted by her family to the first aid room in the Spectrum at the beginning of the Boise State basketball game. This person was having trouble standing. Logan Fire Emergency Medical personnel also responded and transported the woman to the Logan Regional Hospital.

- USU Police responded to the American West Heritage Center on a suspected burglary/trespassing incident. USU Police was assisted by the Cache County Sheriffs Office.

- USU Police responded to the southeast parking lot of Aggie Village in two minutes for a report of a vehicle burglary. Items were taken from an unlocked vehicle. This investigation is continuing.

- USU Police recieved a report of a vehicle which hit and damaged a USU apartment building. Police are investigating.

### Sunday, Feb. 6

- Officers responded to a possible fight at the LLC. Upon arrival, officers located one of the parties involved, however, the instigator had left prior to police arrival. It was reported that the instigator of the fight had been consuming large amounts of an alcoholic beverage at the Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity house.

- USU Police responded to the Widtsoe building in five minutes for a report of an attempted burglary in a faculty member's office. This investigation is continuing.

### Monday, Feb. 7

- USU Police received a delayed medical report. It was reported that a parking gate hit a female in the head as she was walking in the area where the gate comes down after a vehicle went through. The female received medical attention, which included glue stitches to the forehead.

### Tuesday, Feb. 8

- USU Police received a report from a student about a fraudulent scam. The student was sent a check and asked to cache the check and send money to another person. The check was not cashed and turned into USU Police. An investigation continuing.

### Wednesday, Feb. 9

- USU Police collected and destroyed over 20 pounds of various pharmaceutical drugs that had been placed in the drug drop box at USUPD.

### Thursday, Feb. 10

- USU Police responded to the Taggart Student Center in three minutes for a report of graffiti on the walls around the building. This investigation is continuing.

- Police responded to a medical assist in the Aggie Village. A young girl had a seizure while playing in the Married And Single Area (MASA) location. Paramedics evaluated the girl and then released her to the mother. There was no further action taken.

- Police responded to a criminal mischief call that occurred in the east parking lot of the Snow Hall building. Two vehicles were egged within the last two days. Police are investigating.



## VP: Peterson becomes USU’s assistant to the president

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our amazing current students, remind them of the doors USU opened for them, and get them to share their generosity with the university.”

As assistant to the president, Peterson’s focus will be finishing this campaign. Herman Harder will be in charge of the regular operations in advancement.

“I hope to contribute to the university’s long term success by making these areas highly effective, and really well integrated,” she said, “currently some of the tremendous things we do here at USU are well kept secrets. I want to change that.”

President Stan Albrecht selected her for the position.

As Associate VP of research, Kinkead has been in charge of the undergraduate research program since 2000. As vice president, she contributed to the program by recruiting, retaining and recognizing faculty and student researchers.

“I have had a terrific experience overseeing undergraduate research, taking it from the level I found it and enhancing it,” she said, “In doing so, I’ve worked with amazing students ... On the other hand, this is bittersweet, leaving a position that I’ve enjoyed so much.”

She also established and developed the Research Fellows Program, the URCO grant program, and the Research on Capitol Hill event.

“Wherever you look in undergraduate research at Utah State University, Dr. Kinkead’s fingerprints are present,” Bates said.

She said one of her goals was to make sure students at USU regional campuses had access to research opportunities. She said she believes Bates will continue with that goal.

“Scott Bates has a strong reputation on campus as a mentor to undergraduate researchers,” she said. “He not only publishes his own research but also publishes about undergraduate research, one article on working with distance education students.”

Bates is a member of USU’s Honors Advisory Board and the psychology department’s Undergraduate Steering Committee. He has also worked as a mentor for students and has worked closely with a number of students who have received URCO grants. Vice President for Research Brent Miller selected him for the position.

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## Red hot chili contest



**CLARK HOLLAND, SENIOR** in history, chows down on chili at the 4th annual USU College of Agriculture Chili Cookoff held Saturday at the Lundstrom Student Center. Dott Jensen was awarded first place for her chili recipe. *CARL R. WILSON photo*

## GRE: Jensen says students prefer linear testing

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Jensen said with the adaptive format, students can’t go back and change their answers later. Once they move on to the next question, that’s it. However, the new GRE will have a linear format which will have the same amount of questions, throughout each section. Within a single student, a student can go back to any question and change their answer. Jensen said this “creates a very different environment” for the test.

“When we made the change to adaptive some years back there were a lot of students who complained,” Jensen said. “They liked the idea of being able to go back and change their answers. Students feel like they have more control over a linear test. You can change your mind, if you get clues from other questions or the answer comes back to your memory, you have the ability to fix your answer.”

The main change students will have to deal with for the first few months of the new test being administered is the time it will take for students to receive their tests back. Right now, the normal rate for getting scores back is two to three weeks, but Jensen said for the first few months of the new test students shouldn’t expect their scores for a few months, rather than a few weeks.

Jensen said those students who take the test between Aug. 1 when it will first be released, and Sept. 20, will not get their scores back until early Nov. Students who take the test in October won’t get their scores until mid-November and students who take the test early in November won’t get their scores until the end of the month. By the first of December, students who take the test will receive

their scores in the normal three- to four-week time frame.

Fawson said the time lag is important because those first few months is when the median for the test is determined.

“They need to get enough scores in their “bank” to be able to determine what the median of the test is going to be. They will take each day’s test and compare those scores and do that for the first few months,” Fawson said.

Jensen said the testing center needs a large sample of scores to “standardize” the test. He said the students who take the test those first few months will normalize the test and this will be how scores will be calculated to be equivalent to the scores on the old test.

Those students who choose to take the new GRE Aug. 1 through Sept. 20 will only have to pay half price, Jensen said.

“Students can get that 50 percent discount if they are OK with waiting much longer than usual for their scores,” he said.

Fawson said it is important for students to figure out when they need their GRE scores, because that will determine which test to take. She said those who can wait and who don’t need their scores until 2012 can take the new test but anyone who needs their scores by Fall 2011 should sign up for the current test soon.

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## Police: Pregnant woman seeks help after feeling labor pains

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stop pushing and shoving, started running when they saw the cops approaching them.

“Me and Joe, we put the old-school speed on and caught them,” Hanzalik said. “We didn’t smell any alcohol on them, so we gave them a warning. What are you going to charge them for?”

Huish said the men came from Salt Lake City to attend the event and told police they were not students at USU.

Officers Andy Barnes and Jarred Glover both chased a man who was seen talking on his cell phone outdoors by the parking terrace. Barnes said the man was acting suspicious and then took off running.

When questioned, Barnes said the man started running because his friends told him to hurry up and meet them inside.

“We want the kids to have fun, and our main purpose is of the students’ safety,” Officer Lee Gillenwater said. “Then you always got some that are going to run you around in a circle.”

Gillenwater, who was stationed in the Fieldhouse throughout the night, said he saw several people who were exhibiting signs of alcohol use. He said he warned a couple of people, but most were acting responsibly.

The Fieldhouse was set up with casino-style gambling tables which entertained several attendees. Inside the TSC in there was a “mentalists,” fortune tellers, psychics and a freak show.

The 25-year-old pregnant woman approached the cops complaining of lower abdominal and back pain, and was seen by paramedics. She then called her husband to take her to the hospital. The woman said she was eight months pregnant.

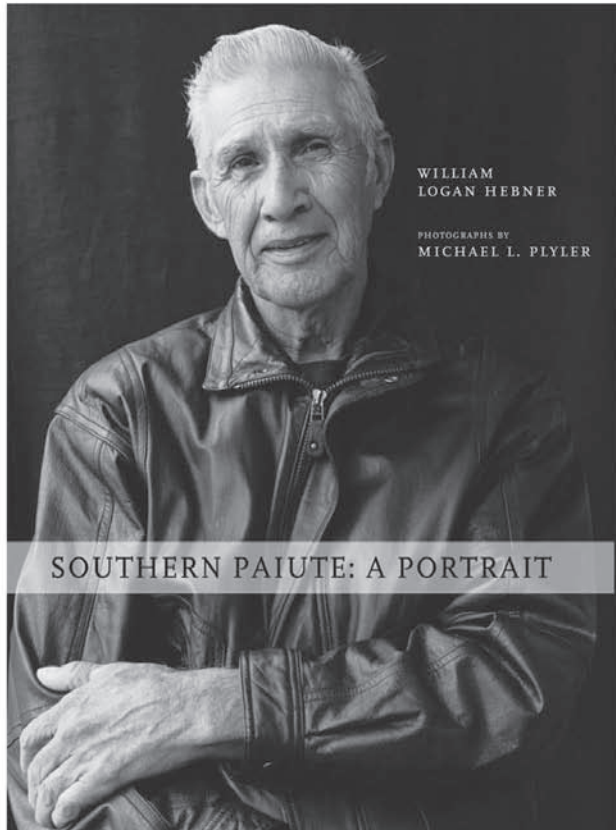
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**"Natalie Portman, Black Swan"**  
Difficulty ★★☆☆ (200pts)





# Seven dates in seven days

By KASEY VAN DYKE  
assistant features editor

Die-hard readers out there might remember my column last year about how to survive Valentine's Day single. It consisted of three bags of chocolate and a six-hour nap.

This year, we've gone the opposite direction. Inspired by a blog chronicling one woman's quest for love, which involved 30 blind dates in 30 days, I went on seven blind dates, seven nights in a row.

The men, provided by The Statesman's editors, were not allowed to interact with me before the date, were not given my number and had to keep the date under a 25 dollar and three-hour limit. They have all been given nicknames to preserve anonymity.

**Sunday: The Fire Guy**

Remember a couple years back when some kids lit the side of one of the near-by mountains on fire because they were messing around? Meet one of the accomplices: the Fire Guy.

As the first date, he was definitely a guinea pig. The night began late, around 9:30. Fire Guy took me back to his apartment where he had lit a small fire – controlled this time – and we roasted marshmallows.

I was surprised how easy it was to talk to him. The most memorable part? He accompanied my stories with his banjo. The home-made ice cream was delicious and though I was skeptical at first, Fire Guy was great to hang out with and incredibly talented.

Though he wouldn't want others to know this, Fire Guy is a self-taught musician and now plays shows around the nation, including recently in San Francisco. He said he likes doing it without having to worry about making money. He really is an amazing singer and it's a shame more people haven't heard him. Dear Fire Guy, you can play your banjo for me anytime.

**Monday: Mr. Diversity**

No, I did not go on a date with T.J. Pratt. When I first asked Mr. Diversity what our plans for the night were, he nearly gave me a PowerPoint presentation explaining my options. This guy was prepared. Having so many options to choose from was really nice. It made me feel like I had some contribution to the date.

We ate at Rumbi Island Grill. I'd never been there and was pleasantly surprised. The food was delicious and conversation flowed naturally. After dinner, I chose ice skating as our main activity. He had brought flashcards to rate each other on any tricks we could do, which for me was staying vertical.

I soon realized all my flashcards had 10s. He was begging for some praise, but that was cute. We got to the skating rink about 8 p.m., not realizing they close at 8:15. The guy was nice enough to let us throw on some skates for 10 minutes. Since neither of us had too many tricks, we started rating the little children who were falling like chubby little snowflakes all around us.

With about an hour before his time was up, we left the rink and he started listing off pos-

sible activities. Then I spoke up.

"I bet we could get to Idaho and back," I said.

"You want to go to Idaho?"

"Yeah. Let's go to Preston."

It was decided. We headed north, talking the whole way. I'd never been to Preston and honestly, I was not that impressed. But the gas station we stopped at had peach rings (my latest obsession) and I was happy. We returned to Logan, me in a daze of peachy goodness and he in what I can only imagine was a state of shock at how the night had turned out.

To Mr. Diversity: Options are great. I loved the spontaneity.

**Tuesday: The Bad Driver**

At this point, only two dates into the week, I was getting exhausted. I tend to be a homebody and this week was pushing me out of my comfort zone. I think that may be why I enjoyed my time with Bad Driver so much.

We are both English majors and both rhetoric associates. It gave us more common ground than I had with the first two dates, but I was worried we would crutch on that subject the whole night. I was wrong. We actually got into a pretty deep religious and social discussion while we ate at Costa Vida. My sweet pork salad accented his eyes perfectly. I was digging his dry sense of humor and sarcastic-at-times demeanor.

As we were leaving he explained our activity: we would both pick two of our favorite spots in Logan and drive there. There were several times I felt my heart rate speed up as we had near-collisions. We joked about his driving.

The Bad Driver, though not an expert in that medium, had a fantastic personality, but there were times I felt like he just wanted to get rid of me. I thought the conversation was deep and satisfying, but did you feel the same? Bad Driver, were you just shy or did you regret agreeing to the date?

**Wednesday: THIS University**

It had been about 15 years since I'd finger-painted. I hadn't even thought about it in quite some time. That was probably why I was so surprised when THIS University told me that's what we were doing. Buying the supplies at Wal-Mart was fun, actually one of my favorite things about the date, then things kind of plateaued.

We got back to the TSC, apparently the location of our activity. That was a little odd, but I'd been in the TSC late before. He set up his Magic Bullet and we blended up some smoothies. To THIS University: That was a great idea. I loved my smoothie.

We covered the tables with some newspaper and set up our paints.

He was not good at interpreting my modern art painting, but I didn't guess his that easily either. I have to say my portrait of him was much better than his of me, though I always did want green arms like in the picture.

He had been informed that I was feeling a little drained from so much chit-chat and first date awkwardness, so choosing a mellow activity was really nice. Also, he was the only one to begin the date by giving me a package of peach rings. That's above and beyond the call of duty.



**KASEY VAN DYKE**, statesman editor, was set up seven blind dates in seven days in honor of Valentine's Day. Each date had his own style and personality to contribute. *CARL R. WILSON photo*

Over all, I feel like I was a little awkward on this date, but it was fun and the paint fight made for a good photo opportunity. Dear THIS University, you rock for bringing me my favorite treat. Sorry if I was weird.

**Thursday: The Athlete**

I took a bowling class as a sophomore. That didn't help me at all against The Athlete. Out of all the guys, I had the most fun with The Athlete. The conversation was comfortable and we clicked. Chinese food was a good choice, even with the screaming child to accompany the music.

I'll admit I was expecting to beat him in bowling, but he killed me in both games. I was impressed. Plus, he flirted shamelessly, putting his arm around the back of my chair, betting hugs for strikes, lightly touching my arm when he had the chance. I was flattered. You're very attractive.

He also got me peach rings. I think I was in love for a moment.

To The Athlete: thanks for adding me on Facebook. We really should go out again. You were my favorite of the dates this week.

**Friday: The Singer**

I had fun. You were a little awkward, but I had fun.

We went ice skating and luckily got there with plenty of time. I told him I wasn't super coordinated on the ice, but he promised I'd be much better by the end of the night and he was right. I had no idea I could do one of those spinny things. He was very patient with me when I was digging my nails in his hand as he sped us around the rink at a speed that made my insides tense and hurt. And sang to me while we skated. Very romantic. Mushy romantic.

Papa Kelsey's was absolutely divine. That might be my new favorite place in town. It was nice talking to you, getting to know you. We shared some deep, dark secrets and it was nice to have someone be so totally honest on a first date. You're a nice guy and I was pleasantly surprised with how the evening went. I was expecting worse.

**Saturday: The Youngster**

He took me to my second USU basketball game of my life. I warned him that I didn't know too many of the cheers and I fumbled a lot of the words but it was nice hanging out with a group of people, instead of such an intimate, one-on-one date.

What can I say about basketball? We won. That mom from the opposing team was hilarious. After the game, we walked back to his apartment and headed over to Coldstone, the one place I'd been hoping someone would take me to during the week.

It was packed, but totally worth it. My cake-batter-and-Twix shake was so yummy. I can't remember what point in the night it came up, but you suddenly mentioned a mission – that you were leaving on one.

"How old are you?" I asked.

"18."

Wow. I had thought you were 23 the whole night! That was a bit of a shock. You requested to be called "the Situation," so I'll throw that out there as another nickname. Good luck on your mission. You're a great kid and I'm excited for you.

To sum up the week, I was exhausted, impressed, and thinking way too much. I became acutely aware that all these guys had whole existences that I hadn't been aware of. They've been living and breathing and thinking outside my realm of consciousness and now none of us will be the same.

You all have made impressions on me and there is no way I can un-know you now. I was intensely impressed with the caliber of these guys and all of them were second-date worthy. When stripped of pretense and formalities, these guys were just people trying to figure out the world the best they can.

The experience taught me one thing: when you can finally meet that person that is everything you want, everything you could ever want and everything you've ever wanted, that is the true miracle of this day and age. To quote the Beatles, love is all you need.

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**TRUE AGGIE NIGHT** has roots in early USU history. The Block A symbolizes the ritual, and has traveled around campus to its final resting place north of Old Main. *STERLING BOIN photo*

## True Aggie Night through history

By MARIAH NOBLE  
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Utah State would not be the same without its many traditions. Some are new, like chanting the "I Believe" cheer at basketball games in the Spectrum. Others are old, like seeing the lighted "A" on the tower of Old Main. But one of the best-known traditions at our school is known as True Aggie Night.

"It provides a physical and metaphorical connection between all of us in this glorious student body," sophomore Logan Hager said. "Someday I will be one."

The opportunity to become a True Aggie occurs at midnight on Homecoming, A-Day and nights when there is a full moon. Couples stand on the Block A, located just northwest of Old Main, kiss at the appropriate time and receive a card.

The cards read: "It is hereby certified that at the stroke of midnight on the night of (date), (your name) stood atop the "A" and while a full moon shone brightly down was promptly kissed by (name of person who you kissed) and shall be known forever more as a TRUE AGGIE and shall be entitled to all the rights and privileges that accompany this most esteemed title."

While the process is recognized on campus, the regulations of this tradition haven't always been so

clear or well-known.

The Block A, which is a big part of the tradition, was originally erected on campus as the "headstone" of the Beno Club, according to the Encyclopedic History of Utah State University. The club, originally written "Be-No" in the 1916 Buzzer (USU's yearbook), had the motto of "Non Sibi; sed omnibus" which is Latin for "not for oneself; but for all."

The club's commitment to "adding spirit and variety to life on the campus" transcended through the years as the club transitioned into a chapter of the Intercollegiate Knights in May of 1926, according to the 1926 Buzzer.

The Encyclopedic History of USU said the Block A has had many homes. Its first location was west of the Mechanic Arts Building in 1917. It was moved to the east end of the Quad in front of the old library in the late 1930s, according to the school's website. When construction for the Merrill Library began in the 1960s, the monument was placed in storage until 1967, when it was placed near Old Main. In 1990 it was moved to its current location and stipulations for becoming an official True Aggie were outlined.

The tradition of kissing on Old Main Hill,

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# Couple says honesty and humor are most important

By JESSICA SWEAT  
features senior writer

In honor of Valentine’s Day, The Utah Statesman profiled a recently engaged couple on campus instead of an individual student.

**Utah Statesman:** How did you meet?  
**Whitney Ecker:** We are both music majors, so we met through the music department in a class called Theory 1, back in 2007.

**US:** How long have you been together?  
**Nathan Mensink:** Since the end of August, or about six months.

**US:** Nathan, what is the first thing you noticed about Whitney?  
**NM:** Her eyes.

**US:** Whitney, what is the first thing you noticed about Nathan?  
**WE:** He was way tan!

**US:** What did you do for your first date?  
**NM:** We went to a jazz concert in Salt Lake City.

**US:** What is your favorite activity to do together?  
**WE:** We like making sweet music together and watching movies, going wakeboarding and practicing together.

**US:** What are your plans for Valentine’s Day?  
**NM:** We will go to dinner and I will give Whitney the gift I have been holding for three months.  
**WE:** We will both be playing a jazz concert at the sky club, but I also have a gift for Nate.

**US:** Nathan, describe Whitney in three words:  
**NM:** Pretty, intelligent, and caring.

**US:** Whitney, describe Nathan in three words:  
**WE:** Kindhearted, genuine, honest and talented. Oops, that’s four.

**US:** Have you celebrated any anniversaries? If so, how?  
**WE:** We don’t really keep track because there was no exact date. Plus, we haven’t officially been together a year yet and that’s what people really count. Occasionally we will dress up and go to nice dinners.

**US:** What has been your most memorable date or moment together?

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**Nathan Mensink  
The Netherlands  
Whitney Ecker  
Sacramento,  
Calif.  
seniors  
music**

cut a two-inch gouge from the back of my hair.

**US:** When did you get engaged?  
**WE:** Jan. 5, 2011.

**US:** How did Nathan propose?  
**WE:** He surprised me and flew out to Sacramento. He talked to my dad and then took me to the Sacramento LDS temple. He then told me how much he loved me and asked me to marry him. He even picked the ring out by himself.

**US:** When will the wedding take place?  
**WE:** May 10, 2011.

**US:** Have you made any plans so far?  
**WE:** It will take place in the Logan LDS temple and our reception will be at the Riter mansion. We have also decided to go to Bermuda on our honeymoon.

**US:** What makes you unique as a couple?  
**WE:** Probably that we aren’t super lovey-dovey, but we are really comfortable with each other because we have been such good friends for so long.  
**NM:** Because I’m Dutch.

**US:** What do you think are the most important aspects in a relationship?  
**WE:** Honesty.  
**NM:** Humor.

**US:** What is your position on PDAs? (Public Displays of Affection)  
**WE:** We don’t like it, we will hold hands but that’s it. The rest should be private.  
**NM:** We haven’t even kissed yet.



**NATHAN MENSINK AND WHITNEY ECKER** are recently engaged and will be married May 10. They are both music majors and met in a required music theory class. *photo courtesy ASHLEY HILLAM*

**US:** What song would best describe you together?  
**WE:** “The Second Time Around.” Because we briefly dated at the beginning of our friendship.

**US:** If you could be any celebrity couple, who would you be?  
**NM:** Brad Pitt! Brad Pitt! Brad Pitt!  
**WE:** I guess Brad and Angelina.

**US:** When did you know you had found “The One”?  
**WE:** The Le Nonne date, there was even live jazz music playing.  
**NM:** I have always kind of known ... actually, we made a contract our freshman year stating that if we weren’t married by a certain age, we would marry each other. We are two years early, but I am holding up my end of the contract.

**US:** What challenges have you faced so far?  
**WE:** Being away from Nate for the three weeks over Christmas break was hard.  
**NM:** I would say, just trying to figure out how she felt.

**US:** Nathan, be honest, how many chick flicks have you watched?  
**NM:** Oh, I love chick flicks. We just watched “John Tucker Must Die.” I also like 300 and Gladiator.

**US:** What is your “must have” for your wedding?  
**NM:** A chocolate fountain.  
**WE:** Tulips. Because Nate is Dutch, that will be the theme of our wedding.

**US:** What would be your No. 1 piece of advice for couples out there?  
**WE:** Know each other inside and out. Don’t rush. We have had years to get to know each other and it has made all the difference.  
**NM:** Compromise. Do things you both like, but occasionally we do something she likes and then the next time will do something I like.

**US:** What is the best gift you have received from each other?  
**WE:** He made me a handmade scrapbook of all the pictures of us.  
**NM:** The kilt.  
**WE:** Nathan can’t say “quilt.”

**US:** Are you True Aggies?  
**WE:** Yes.  
**NM:** Yes.

**US:** Did you make each other True Aggies?  
**WE:** No.  
**NM:** No.

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## All is fair in love and marriage

By CHELSEE NIEBERGALL  
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First comes love, then comes marriage – but where does college fit? For many USU students, marriage and college come at the same time. Cameron and Courtney Lewis were married the summer after their junior year and have felt that being married has helped them academically. “I am able to focus on school better now because I’m not worried about the dating scene or anything like that,” said Cameron, a senior in business administration. The Lewis’s also said they feel they are still

just as involved with the university as they were before getting married. “In some ways we may even be more involved than the average student. We go to a lot of sports events and different things the college does,” said Courtney, a recent graduate in public relations. Courtney has won multiple PR competitions, and Cameron recently took third place at a spelling bee held on campus. “It is nice to have a support system with you at all times,” Courtney said. “I probably wouldn’t have done those competitions if it

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**ONLINE DATING SITES** have evolved into a wide variety of sites that cater to a persons race, religion, and even body types. Couples can meet through specified dating sites, or even through Facebook and other social networking. *ARMEN HOVSEPYAN photo illustration*

## An online relationship

By NATASHA BODILY  
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While couples celebrate Valentine’s Day together, single people often reevaluate their current relationship status. Couples can meet in a variety of ways, and today there are more outlets than ever to find a potential mate. Online dating has become an increasingly popular venue where relationship development occurs before any face-to-face interaction. Ashley Crook, a junior in horticulture, said she would prefer to have a physical connection in dating. “Honestly, I think online dating works for a lot of people because it helps them find that intellectual connection with people. I like to know how I feel around them, not just how well

we can talk,” she said. She said this time of year leads to more self-reflection about dating. “If I had a boy, I’d love Valentine’s Day,” Crook said. “When I am single, I hate it because it reminds me that I don’t have someone to give me something or to show they appreciate me.” Some students have a more critical view of the online dating scene. “I don’t like online dating because everybody is just crazy that goes on there and you don’t actually know who you are talking to,” said Brittany Jones, a junior in FCHD. “They can say whatever they want and you don’t know if it’s true. When you meet them they put on

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## Aggies slam home share of WAC title with win over Bulldogs

By TYLER HUSKINSON  
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After a rare loss to the Idaho Vandals last week, the Aggies were looking to bounce back, and they did it in a big way. Four Aggies finished the evening in double figures and a stingy defense smothered the visiting Fresno State Bulldogs

as Utah State cruised to a 71-55 victory in front of a near sell-out crowd Saturday night at the Dee Glen Smith Spectrum.

"The good thing about basketball is that you've got games right after a couple of days," senior guard Brian Green said. "We just wanted to get that out of our system, and really practice hard and come out with some edge and some fire. They (the coaching staff) are really big on not losing two games in a row and we didn't want to lose two games in a row. I thought we responded well and it was good to get a win."

Senior forward Nate Bendall led the Aggies

with 13 points and eight rebounds in 22 minutes of play, and was a force in the post defensively.

"I thought Nate Bendall was really good," Aggie head coach Stew Morrill said. "He really practiced well yesterday and it's nice to see a guy practice well and then play well."

The Aggies (22-3, 12-1) struggled to get anything going offensively in the first 10 minutes of the first half. The Bulldogs kept things very close, and even took the lead when freshman forward Bracken Funk hit a 3-pointer to give Fresno a 13-12 lead with just under 11 minutes to play.

That was the last lead the Bulldogs (11-14, 5-8) would hold, however, as the Aggies turned on the offense and finished the first half on a 28-6 run.

Free-throws from Bendall and junior forward Brady Jardine spurred the run, and the Aggies held the Bulldogs to only one field goal, a lay-up from Funk, for nearly eight minutes. The Bulldogs

had many chances to score, however.

"Our bigs early on were not playing with any aggression level whatsoever," Bulldogs head coach Steve Cleveland said. "When you are one foot from the basket and there is nobody between you and the rim you should score, and we didn't. We missed out on six or eight points early in the where we could have made a run, but we didn't."

Funk led the Bulldogs with 14 points and six rebounds in 30 minutes of play, but sophomore forward Greg Smith, who was the Western Athletic Conference Freshman of the Year and is leading the team with 11 points per game, finished with two points and three rebounds in 30 minutes of play.

"He's a good player, so I definitely tried to make an impression on him, and hopefully let him know that nothing is going to come easy," Bendall said of Smith.

A 3-pointer from freshman James Walker gave the Aggies their biggest lead of the first half at 40-17, and the Aggies' lead was never threatened the rest of the night.

"We played a really good first half and five minutes

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**JUNIOR FORWARD BRADY JARDINE** throws down two of his eight total points during Saturday's 71-55 win over Fresno State. Jardine also pulled down nine rebounds and was one of five Aggies who scored eight points or more in the game where Utah State clinched at least a share of its fourth consecutive WAC championship. *STERLING BOIN photo*



**USU FORWARD ASHLEE BROWN** goes up strong for a basket during game action against Idaho earlier this season. Brown scored 22 point for USU Saturday, but the team fell short of upsetting Fresno State, losing 81-63. *STERLING BOIN photo*

## Women fall short of taking over second place in Fresno

By RHETT WILKINSON  
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It was a tale of two halves for the Aggie women's basketball team Saturday in Fresno, Calif.

Despite leading the Fresno State Bulldogs (17-7, 8-2 WAC) 38-31 after 20 minutes of play, USU (13-11, 7-4) could not seal the deal in a contest involving sole possession of second place in the conference at stake, falling 81-63.

After closing much of the end of the first half on a 14-2 run, the Aggies fell flat in a second half that USU head coach Raegan Pebley said was characterized by a Bulldog full court press that stymied the Aggies.

The visitors were outscored 50-25 in the second stanza.

"We turned the ball over way too much against their full-court pressure where we couldn't just get set up," Pebley said.

The Bulldogs' harassing second-half pressure forced several Aggie turnovers and kept Logan's own from establishing their second-half offensive sets.

"I'm not infuriated at our team, but it sucks to lose. We can con-

tinue to get better," Pebley said.

There was at least one highlight in an overall disappointing result for a program which has never finished higher than third since it was reborn in 2002. Senior guard Alice Coddington snatched two steals to reach a career total of 214, tying for the school record also held by former Aggie and current assistant coach Danyelle Snelgro.

Coddington also added seven points and four rebounds in the contest.

While the Bulldogs shot just 8-23 from the 3-point line, far below both their conference-leading 3-pointers made and 3-point percentage averages, guard Rosie Mount did hit 5-8 bombs for 19 points to lead Fresno.

The Bulldogs shot 51 percent from the field overall and won the rebounding battle 35-30, while forcing 23 Aggie turnovers.

Forward Taja Edwards also scored 19 points to pace Fresno, who remains two games behind Louisiana Tech for first place in the WAC.

USU countered with 22 points

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## Pair of distance runners set USU records at UW

By MIKE REES  
staff writer

The name of the game this weekend was distance running. The Aggie harriers used this weekend to shine in preparation for the Western Athletic Conference indoor championship meet in two weeks.

Leading the pack for the Aggies, literally and figuratively, were juniors Daniel Howell and Ruth Hilton, who both smashed school records in the 5-kilometer and 3-kilometer runs, respectively, at the ultra-competitive Flotrack Husky Classic, hosted by the University of Washington.

Every year the Flotrack Husky Classic attracts the cream of the crop of distance runners from around the nation for some of the fastest and most competitive races of the year.

"The thing we do with the distance runners is give them an opportunity to run at sea level, which gives them an advantage," said head coach Gregg Gensel.

Many other schools come with a similar idea, and Howell

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# Gymnastics comes up short on road at Sacramento State

By MEGAN ALLEN  
sports senior writer

In the last meet of their four-meet road trip, the Aggie gymnastics team kept a close grasp on Western Athletic Conference foe Sacramento State Friday, but in the end fell by a final score of 190.675 to the Hornets' 192.000.

Freshmen Paige Jones and Cammi Muhr both took event titles, giving the Aggies a total of 10 titles so far this season, which matches the overall total of last season's event titles.

Jones won the vault with a season-high 9.825, tying for the Aggies' top vault score of the year. Muhr landed in first place of the beam portion of the competition with a 9.725.

"We definitely had some really good highlights this meet," Jones said. "I was pretty happy with how it went."

"It's definitely not where we'd like to be, we're not quite at our potential yet," head coach Jeff Richards said. "We did have some highlights though, we just need to bring it up a little."

The Aggies opened the meet on the bars, led by freshman Rachel Vaske.

Her score of 9.625 ended up being enough for a second-place finish. Jones took third with a 9.525. After taking two falls into account, the Aggies were in second place after the first rotation with a total of 46.775 while the Hornets had earned a 48.350 on the vault.

With the swapping of events though came the swapping of the lead.

Junior Rebecca Holliday started the Aggies on the vault with a 9.075, but scores only went up from there. Senior Jackie Dillon tied for fourth place with a 9.700 just before senior Lyndsie Boone landed a 9.800, good for second place. USU finished with a total score of 48.525, just shy of the team's season-best.

CSUS had four falls on the bars, giving them a total score of 46.975. That put the Aggies in first with a slim lead of 95.400 to 95.325 at the halfway point of the meet.

Jones said the Aggies had a good, solid week in practice leading up to Friday's meet.

"We really tried to focus on the details in practice this week. Sticking the landings, hitting our hand-stands, and just overall looking more confident,"

she said. "I think it's really starting to show in our performance."

The Aggies moved to the floor for the third rotation, and fared fairly well after a rough start.

Sophomore Amelia Montoya had a fall in warm-ups, which made for a tough floor routine. The minor injury led to a shaky landing and minor fall, resulting in a score of 9.075.

Boone and freshman Christina Nye both received scores of 9.550. In another pair of matching scores, Jones and Dillon both notched a 9.750, tying for third place on the floor.

USU finished with 47.900 on floor while the Hornets totaled 47.975 on their beam rotation. This put the two teams in a tie at 143.300, heading into the final rotation.

The focus on details this week paid off as Aggies' scores on the balance beam improved once again. Muhr started the rotation with her winning score of 9.725. Junior Rebecca Holliday notched a 9.700, putting her in second place behind Muhr. While there were still a couple falls, it was overall a much better night on beam for the Aggies, as they finished with a total of 47.575.



**UTAH STATE'S PERFORMANCE ON THE VAULT** notched an overall team score of 48.525, which was their best event score during Friday's loss against Sacramento State. *ANIE AGHABABYAN photo*

Jones said. "There was a definite improvement on beam," Jones said. "Everyone was a lot more confident and it was a lot more enjoyable."

After four consecutive meets on the road, the Aggies are ready to come home to the comfort of the Dee Glen Smith Spectrum.

"It's our place, our fans,"

Jones said. "You just feel a lot more comfortable and that makes it a lot more fun."

USU welcomes Boise State as they continue WAC competition this Friday, Feb. 18, at 7 p.m. Friday's meet will be the annual Aggies' Think Pink night as well as Alumni Recognition Night.

"They compete well at home. It's a friendly environment and the equipment they like. We're a little better of a team at home," Richards said. "I think this meet has the potential to be a defining moment in our season."

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## Champs: Aggies make it four straight

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of the second half and got ourselves enough cushion to take us home," Morrill said. "I thought we were executing, we were defending, guys were making shots. The first half was really solid."

The Aggies shot a blistering 60 percent from the field during the first half, but they got a little complacent during the second half, where they shot 33 percent.

"We had a cushion, we were up by 20 and I think we were just content with being up by 20," Green said. "Second half we did not play very good; could have played a lot better, but we got the win and that's what matters."

Green finished the night with 13 points on 3-of-6 shooting from the floor and 2-of-5 shooting from 3-point range after having not scored in the past two games.

"It was nice to hit some shots and get off that goose egg," Green said. "I haven't scored in the last couple of games, but that's OK. I don't really care about points as much as winning. I've tried to do other things."

Senior forward Tai Wesley finished with

10 points, eight rebounds and six assists, and senior wing Pooh Williams also finished with 10 points.

The Aggies claimed at least a share of their fourth consecutive WAC title with the victory over the Bulldogs, but they would much rather win the title outright.

"It doesn't feel like we've won it yet," Morrill said. "A share is good, winning it outright is better. We've still got lots of opportunities to win an outright title. Like I told the players, we'll celebrate when and if we get that done. It's not time to relax and celebrate."

The Aggies will step away from WAC play next week as they host the Montana-Western Bulldogs from the NAIA on Wednesday, then travel to Moraga, Calif., to face the St. Mary's Gaels in the ESPNU Bracketbuster match-up.

Tip-off against the Bulldogs is set for 7 p.m. in the Spectrum on Feb. 16.

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## Softball opens season with 1-4 weekend

By MITCH FIGGAT  
staff writer

The Aggie women's softball team got off to a rough start to the season with a 1-4 record during its first weekend of action at the Stacy Winsberg Tournament in Los Angeles.

USU's lone victory of the weekend came in a 6-4 win against North Dakota State on Saturday. The game included a milestone for shortstop Kelly Kaneshiro, who tied the Utah State home run record with her 24th career 4-bagger. The home run was the first score up on the board in the match against NDSU.

Freshmen Krista Bava and Brandy Karl helped bring the score to 2-0 before NDSU took a 3-2 lead in the third inning. Ashley Ventura was brought to second with a sac bunt by junior Tatem Day and then brought home by Bava, tying the score at 3-3 in the top of the fourth inning.

NDSU retook the lead by the start of the fifth but the Aggies blasted out another rally started by Kaneshiro who took third base on an error and was brought home by Ventura on a sac fly.

In the sixth inning, USU pulled ahead when Bava and freshman Kassy Uchida were brought home by a two-run double from senior Joreigh Landers. Sophomore pitcher Megan Harmon struck out five batters while only allowing eight hits giving her and the Aggies their first win of the season.

Later that night, USU fell to San Diego State University 10-1 with SDSU scoring its sixth run in the second inning on a home run. The Aggies would pinch-hit Ventura for Karl and Day brought her home for her first RBI of the season. The Aztecs would extend their lead with four more runs but only two earned by the end of the fourth inning.

The Aggies started off the tournament on Friday with a doubleheader going up against University of Central Florida, losing

a close game 9-6 and finishing off the day against the No. 1 ranked and the defending Women's College World Series Champion UCLA Bruins, losing 19-0.

USU was able to make runs tit-for-tat against UCF, who scored two runs in the first inning against Aggie sophomore starting pitcher Shelbi Tyteca. But the Aggies brought it back with a two-out rally in the top of the third inning when senior Shasta Tyteca walked and senior Kaneshiro nailed her 23rd home run straight over center field to tie the game.

Central Florida retook the lead in the bottom of the third, 3-2, but did not hold it very long when sophomore Tina Ferguson and Bava scored in the fourth to take the lead 4-3. Bava, making her collegiate debut, batted 3-for-3.

The Aggies would take a commanding lead in the fifth as Ventura plated both Shasta Tyteca and Megan McDonald to make the score 6-3. But in both the bottom of the fifth and sixth innings CFU scored three runs in each with a home run scoring three in the fifth and three more scored in the sixth. Megan Harmon took the loss giving the Aggies their season's first defeat.

The night cap on Friday was the game versus No.1 UCLA, who took an early four-run lead and then pushed the lead to eight with two home runs in the third inning. UCLA pitcher Donna Kerr pitched her second no-hitter while they scored six more runs in the fourth and five more in the fifth. Harmon took the 19-0 loss, leaving the Aggies 0-2 after their first day at the tournament.

The Aggies will have a week to prepare until they're off to Las Vegas for the University of Nevada-Las Vegas Louisville Slugger Tournament, starting Friday where they will play their first match against Stanford.

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## Intramural basketball results: Feb. 7 - 11

### Men's Open League

Edgehillers	58 - 45	Macy Gray
Russ's Army	36 - 45	LLC Lobos
Frisky Dingos	45 - 70	Broganites
RVCA	39 - 84	Charles Hendersons
The BAMS	49 - 59	Num Lock
Local Boyz	58 - 33	Team Put Out
Z-Unit	59 - 55	Dream Team
Mon-Stars	51 - 65	HS All Stars
Polite Pirates	54 - 60	Sportlers
2 Much Good Stuff	70 - 79	5 Finger Death Punch
Sick Wid It	47 - 55	Androids
LC'n Changos	59 - 51	Stud Nation
Multiple Scores	69 - 60	Panda
Legacy Legends	81 - 67	Clown Fish
Has-Beens	68 - 21	Eco Feminists
Money Shots	46 - 72	Run n' Gun
Lovers	34 - 60	Suckin Air
Free Agents 1	25 - 54	Not Shark Attack
Guns in the Arenas	30 - 48	Not Allowed
Sigma Chi	44 - 54	Sleep Tight
SLD	75 - 59	Townies
That Just Happened	47 - 75	White Men Can't Jump
Business Casual	64 - 68	Team Name
Single Gentlemen	46 - 42	Rabid Rabbits
White Eyed Peas	33 - 67	Victorious Secret
C2 Much	56 - 68	ITTech Basketball
A Horrible Team	41 - 71	The Clips
Boston Celtics	33 - 40	Pikes
Winklers	79 - 41	On Like Donkey Kong
Has Beens B	50 - 64	John Waynes
Flying Unicorns	25 - 64	Blue Sharks

### Men's 6' & Under League

Premature Shooters	45 - 41	Powder River
Zooy Mommas	54 - 47	IPhelta Thi
Thankful 5	32 - 57	The ALL Am. Eagles
TBA	71 - 76	Caucasian Invasion
The Brohams	57 - 32	Team Hufflepuff
Muffin Tops	77 - 88	Blake Griffins Cousins
Mike Holts	72 - 56	Juniors
Under Par	64 - 39	NADZ
Willie Wonka	49 - 53	Spicy Taco's
Whack Ballers	29 - 66	Throbbers
Voltron	53 - 45	Foxhound
SLCC Chess Team	52 - 46	Laker Haters
Zippo	57 - 69	NOSOG
TMF	42 - 70	Nikki
CVK	34 - 81	Boom Goes the Dyn.

### Co-Rec League

Peace Like A River	30 - 59	Fifteen
Black Cauldron	28 - 60	Hoopers
That Team	77 - 69	HS All-Stars
Rural Juror	36 - 61	Pumpkin Eaters
That One Team	60 - 34	Bigotes

### Women's League

That One Team	61 - 33	The Shorts
Cash Money	57 - 33	Idahoans
Space Jam	48 - 67	The Unknown
Hoops	23 - 34	Free Agents 1
Power Puff Girls	24 - 19	Pentagon Threat

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# Men's tennis back to winning ways over UC Riverside

BY USU ATHLETICS

Utah State men's tennis bounced back from a tough loss Thursday against UNLV, by defeating UC Riverside 6-1, Friday. With the victory over UC Riverside, the Aggies were able to split their matches in Las Vegas, 1-1, improving to 6-3. UC Riverside falls to 1-7.

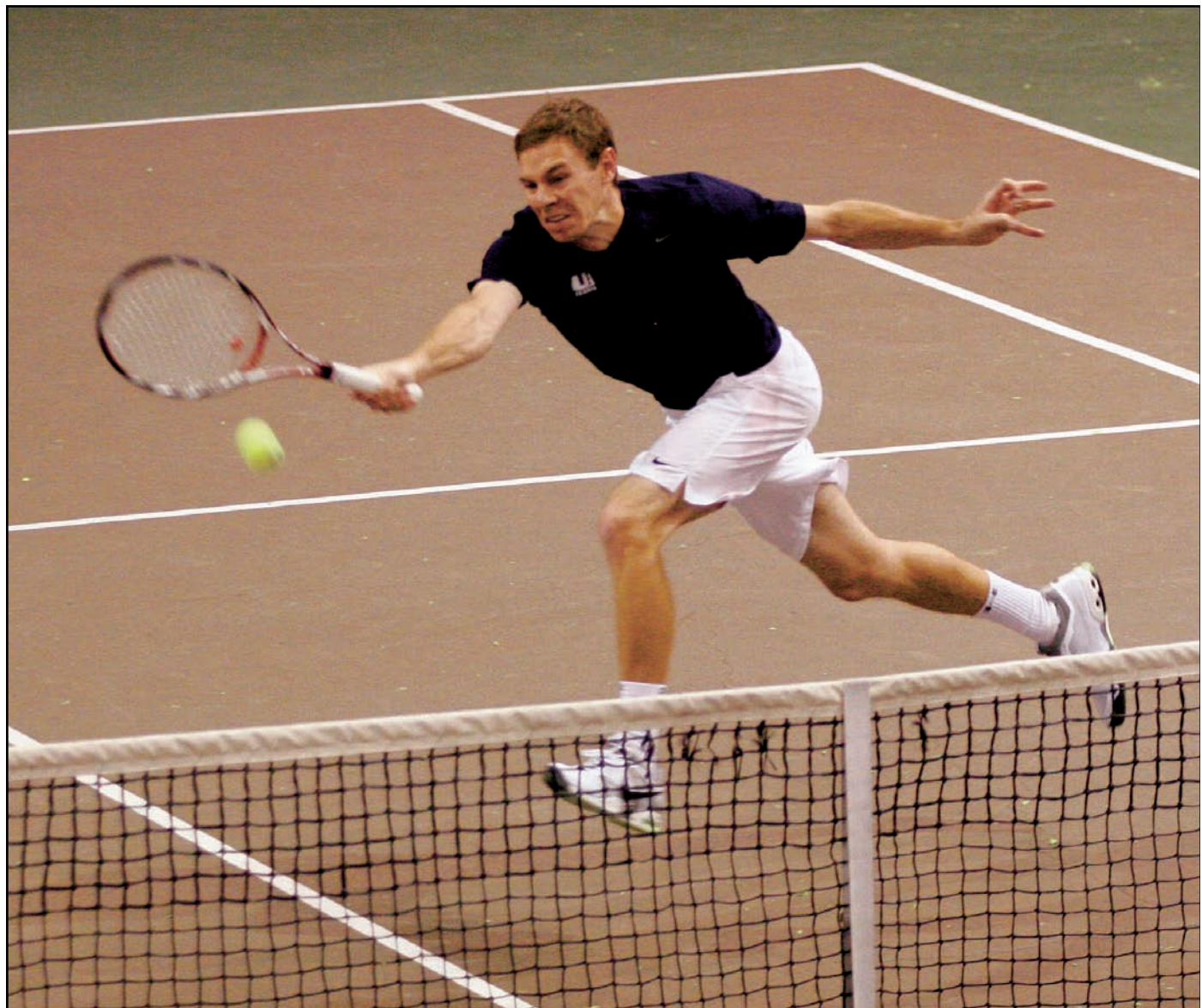
The Aggies got the action started by sweeping doubles action and winning the doubles point to take an early lead over the Highlanders. In the No. 1 position for USU, sophomore Sven Poslusny and senior Bryan Marchant parallel the teams record 6-3. Poslusny and Marchant defeated Michael Conroy and Quoc Doan 8-5, to set the pace for the Aggies.

USU rolled through singles action, winning five of the six singles matches, all decided by straight set victories. Of the five single match wins, the most impressive for the Aggies were seniors Alex Thatcher and Bryan

Marchant who both limited their opponents to just three games won in their matches. Thatcher defeated Kevin Griffin, 6-1, 6-2. While Marchant posted the same score over UCR's Ryan Stanbury, 6-1, 6-2. The lone loss for the Aggies came in the No. 3 position as Austin Andres beat freshman Fredrik Peterson 6-3, 6-2.

Utah State will return to Cache Valley for a weekend home-stand to take on Portland State on Friday, Feb. 18 at 12 p.m. Following the match against Portland State, the Aggies will host their first home conference match, as they take on Nevada on Saturday Feb. 19 at 10 a.m. Aggies will be seeking to get their second win in conference play and would take the lead in the Western Athletic Conference standing by defeating the Wolf Pack.

All home matches are played at Sports Academy and Racquet Club, the matches are open to the public and free admission.



**USU SENIOR ALEX THATCHER** reaches out to make a return volley in a tennis match earlier this season versus Mesa State. Utah State split a pair of matches this past weekend against UNLV and UC Riverside, breaking a five-match winning streak against UNLV before rebounding with a dominating 6-1 victory over the Highlanders of UC Riverside. *CARL R. WILSON photo*

## Singles

1. Sven Poslusny (USU) def. Quoc Doan (UCR) 6-1, 6-3
2. Jakob Asplund (USU) def. Felix Macherez (UCR) 6-4, 6-4
3. Austin Andres (UCR) def. Fredrik Peterson (USU) 6-3, 6-2
4. Bryan Marchant (USU) def. Ryan Stanbury (UCR) 6-1, 6-2
5. Alex Thatcher (USU) def. Kevin Griffin (UCR) 6-1, 6-2
6. Nikita Ryashchenko (USU) def. Sean Peterson (UCR) 6-2, 6-2

## Doubles

1. Poslusny/Marchant (USU) def. Conroy/Doan (UCR) 8-5
2. Peterson/Thatcher (USU) def. Griffin/Macherez (UCR) 8-5
3. Asplund/Ryashchenko (USU) def. Andres/Matias (UCR) 8-6

# Bullied: Aggies miss chance at second place

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on 10-12 shooting and five rebounds from forward Ashlee Brown, while guard Devyn Christensen, who made her fifth career start as Brown recovers from an ankle injury, had 18 points, six steals and five assists. However, the sophomore also committed six turnovers and shot just 6-18 from the floor.

The Aggies started the contest with guns blazing, hitting better than 64 percent from the field and 50 percent from the three-point line. However, against the Fresno full-court press, they went bitter cold in the second half, shooting just over 30 percent overall while drawing a goose egg from long-distance (0-8).

Pebbley's concerns about the loss echoed the poor post-intermission performance that her team displayed.

"It's really disappointing for both the girls and the coaching staff, and there's a reason I say both, because both sides are accountable for not making the adjustments to what Fresno was throwing at us coming into the second half," said Pebbley, in her eighth year as head coach.

Fresno accentuated the rally with two 3-pointers in the first four minutes of the second half.

Pebbley was also observant of the need for her team to improve a few key elements of their collective game as the all-important WAC Tournament draws near.

"We need to reflect the pace and pressure that Fresno showed us," she said, citing the need for her team to refine decision-making against the

press.

While Brown displayed another monster scoring night in her second game back after a three-game absence in which the Aggies went 3-0, Pebbley insisted that her team's successful play down the stretch relies on several individuals.

"(Brown) is going to continue to impact the team as an efficient scorer, but there are many spokes to this wheel," Pebbley said. "Our success is dependent upon the effort of every single player."

The Aggies' continued drive to stay in the top tier of the WAC will resume this Saturday, Feb. 19 at Idaho at 3 p.m.

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## WACStandings

### Men's Basketball

	WAC	OVERALL
Utah State	12-1	23-3
NMSU	8-4	14-12
Nevada	7-4	10-14
Boise St.	7-6	14-11
Idaho	7-6	14-11
Fresno St.	5-8	11-14
Hawaii	4-7	13-10
San Jose St.	3-9	11-12
La Tech	2-10	11-15

### RECENT RESULTS

#### SATURDAY FEB. 12

Fresno St. 55, Utah State 71  
NMSU 50, La Tech 49  
Nevada 84, San Jose St. 76  
Idaho 63, Boise St. 69

### Women's Basketball

	WAC	OVERALL
La Tech	10-0	18-5
Fresno St.	8-2	17-7
Utah State	7-4	13-11
Nevada	6-5	17-7
Idaho	6-5	13-10
NMSU	4-5	10-13
San Jose St.	2-8	2-21
Boise St.	2-9	11-14
Hawaii	2-9	8-16

### RECENT RESULTS

#### SATURDAY FEB. 12

Utah State 63, Fresno St. 81  
Idaho 61, Boise St. 46  
Hawaii 42, Nevada 69  
La Tech 88, NMSU 79

# Track: Silcock still flying high

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and Hilton both battled in the midst of deep packs, with Howell finishing 40th out of 88 men and Hilton finishing 39th out of 81 women. Both of them emerged with school records and conference-leading times.

"It's really exciting," Hilton said of racing amidst such a talented field. "It's a lot of fun to have a competitive field to get yourself running faster than you've done before. That was a pretty tough race. I think I left it all out there."

"It's good for now," said Daniel Howell of the record time. "My goal right now is to focus on conference in two weeks and see what we can do there." Howell was quoted near the end of last Cross Country season as having a goal to break the school record in the 5k.

Also worthy of note was Kim Quinn's 5k time of 17:06.22, which is the second fastest all-time 5k by an Aggie female. Hunter Nelson and Eric Larson also ran solid miles, maintaining a semblance of the Aggie pack, finishing neck and neck in 4:10.46 and 4:10.57, respectively. All three of these marks are top in the conference.

Meanwhile, in the more familiar locale of Nampa, Idaho, the main battery of Utah State's track onslaught competed well against more familiar foes. Clint Silcock brought home his fifth consecutive high jump title with a jump of 7'2.25" inches. Another Aggie who may be growing used to winning this season, Armahd Lewis, notched back-to-back

first-place finishes in the 60-meter dash with a time of 6.79 and the 200-meter dash with a time of 21.79. Freshman Tanner Hunt continued to show promise, nearly capturing first place in the 400-meter, running a 48.42.

Utah State was tops in both men's and women's pole vault, with Sonia Grabowska beginning to hit her stride with a vault of 13'3.5", and John Johnson, winning his second consecutive title, jumping just short of his last mark with 16'6.75.

Along with Grabowska's top mark, Katelyn Heiner and Hannah Williams ran first-place times in the 400-meter and mile, respectively. Heiner raced to a 55.81 finish. Williams crossed the line in 5:02.07. Freshman Chari Hawkins had one of the busier weekends for the Aggies, placing third in the 60-meter hurdles with a 9.06, and second in the heptathlon with a score of 3,718 points.

Gensel and his Aggies will now set their main focus on the conference championship meet in Boise.

"We try and make sure everybody is improving and hitting on all cylinders. Improvement – that's the plan to begin with. You want the marks to be progressive. We've been able to accomplish that in improving and taking steps towards the Conference meet. We taper and get ready. We fine tune," Gensel said.

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# Vote: Candidates hit the streets next week

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dence between members and The Utah Statesman, capitalization is original. Mikkelsen was a contestant in last semester's Mr. USU competition, has administrative experience, is highly involved in USU organizations and activities and is rather tall, which statistics say would help him in the race.

### Contestation

As a free market capitalist, in my opinion, the name of the game. For that reason, I have, at every opportunity, reminded the student body that ASUSU offices are often decided automatically by un-contested candidates – a la Brent Crosby, our current Executive VP. I don't mean to take credit for inception, but this year we have a full slate of ponies at the gate

and I couldn't be happier at the campaigning prospects. Business Senator – the party Skyler Jenks crashed – has six candidates this year, and HASS senator – the most boring position alive – has four.

Still, some offices remain

**“... for the second consecutive year it looks like the Executive VP will coast their way to victory ... the schemer inside me wonders what a darkhorse write-in candidate could do ...”**

tragically under-represented and for the second consecutive year it looks like the Executive VP will coast their way to victory. Now, Kirsten Frank is an energetic, intimidatingly over-qualified, shoe-in for the position and I wish her well

in the campaign; but, the schemer inside me wonders what a darkhorse write-in candidate could do, since her back will be metaphorically turned. Remember, Exec VP is the number two job in ASUSU and comes with an

office in the TSC, a scholarship and a hefty amount of ego massage – just ask Brent Crosby.

### An Issue Election

Last year's top stories were the Logan Lurker and Anthony DiLoreto. It made for some great news, but provided little fodder for the political debates. There was a little hubbub over the athletic fee increase, but having it put before a popular vote eliminated the need to see where the candidates stood.

This year, while we haven't had a serial burglar or a free-throwing bank robber, we have had two issues hit with a bullet: B.J. Novak and Common Hour. In both situations, the Statesman endeavored to remain neutral and objective, but that did not stop concerned students from voicing their opinions in our editorial pages – and to them I say, good for you and keep it up.

Going into next week's election, opinion are running

high about the proper allocation of funding and whether or not we like having class at noon. Some students have no opinion whatsoever and will simply vote for (or against) whoever used to date a friend of their roommate. I'd like to believe, however, that more students than ever are paying attention, and are looking to influence USU with their vote.

Take the time to educate yourself on the platforms. Attend the two presidential debates and get answers to your questions. Also, this year the Statesman has partnered with the elections committee to host a debate on Wednesday, Feb. 23, between the candidates for Student Advocate, Athletics VP and Programming VP.

And of course, remember to vote.

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# Comfort: ‘Monologues’ challenges, educates

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indeed, will do just that. They will make you feel uncomfortable, embarrassed (for yourself and the performers), and possibly make you want to leave the room, but with that feeling comes a sense of reality and a better understanding of something you may not have known prior to attending.

Some of the moments most imprinted in my mind came from shocking scenes and words that made me feel something. Whether it was being scared, feeling nervous or a sense of excitement, I had to be out of my comfort zone for it to help me to experience a real change. Some of these feelings sparked from controversy, but is controversy bad? It has such a negative connotation.

We hear critics and newswriters all of the time talk about controversial

movies, songs with controversial lyrics, or people violating well-understood and established social norms. Think of some controversial moments in history that led to changes that have shaped who we are as a nation: Rosa not giving up her seat leading the way to a Civil Rights movement that would lead the way to desegregation laws, or Michael Sheppard's murder bringing national and international attention to the contention of hate crime legislation at the state and federal levels.

What I am trying to say is this, the name of the monologue might make you uncomfortable, and I can guarantee, after having listened to some of the monologues myself, that I already know that you will feel uncomfortable while listening, but that's OK. The point of the event isn't to just let a bunch

of people talk about uncomfortable things to make you uncomfortable. It is to gain awareness!

One of the acts in the monologue is a compilation of testimonies of Bosnian women subjected to rape camps. Nobody else is talking about these kinds of things and they can't be ignored. I, for one, am grateful for controversial topics because they help change the world. They shed light on issues that would otherwise be lost or swept under the rug. This event is one that will make you uncomfortable, it may even offend you, but its message is one that you will never forget, and that is why being controversial is OK.

*Keenan Nuehring is the ASUSU administrative assistant.*

# Romance: Try these lines

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- I hear the new vegan bakery has all-organic, locally-sourced cupcakes.
- I figure while we're hiking we could do our part with some trail clean-up, too.
- Wanna get coffee sometime? I only drink triple-certified but I know a place. (This could also work for fair-trade cocoa.)
- I volunteer at Global Villages every weekend, how have I not seen you there?
- I have all the episodes of Whale Warriors on my Netflix queue if you'd like to come over.
- How have you not seen the new Michael Moore documentary yet? We've got to fix that.
- Oh, I just can't wash dishes anymore without thinking of washing oil off all those birds down on the gulf.
- Want to share a brownie...? (keep in mind, this does not hold for all of us)
- I've been thinking of getting the Rachel Maddow cut, what do you think?
- I'll rally to restore your sanity.
- I messed up Romney's hair. You know it's where he keeps all his robotically handsome powers, after all.

### Conservatives

- So I've heard of this theater that allows open carry...
- Is that the new Glenn Beck book?
- Oh my gosh, that's the same kind of pocket constitution Mike Lee carries, I never leave the house without mine.
- Want to make signs for the (tea party/Sarah Palin/Birther) rally together?
- Reagan's my favorite president, too!
- Is that a Herbert/Bell T-shirt?
- Gipper movie night?
- I also think capitalism is what makes America the greatest best nation God ever inspired.
- I hear the concealed weapons class is doing a Valentine's two-for-one deal.
- Would you like to join my Ayn Rand book group?
- Can you believe they cancelled "Sarah Palin's Alaska"??!
- Oh my gosh, you look just like Anne Coulter.
- Have you read "Going Rogue"?
- I was thinking of cooking up some veal cutlets for dinner if you'd like to come over.
- I just drew out for my elk tag, too, want to go together?

While I of course understand that these do not apply to everyone within the categories I wrote them about, I hope they made you smile. Here's hoping that this Valentine's Day, whether you are red or blue at heart, you have a wonderful time with whoever you choose to spend it with.

(This column was written with the help and cooperation of the ever-charming Laura Anderson.)

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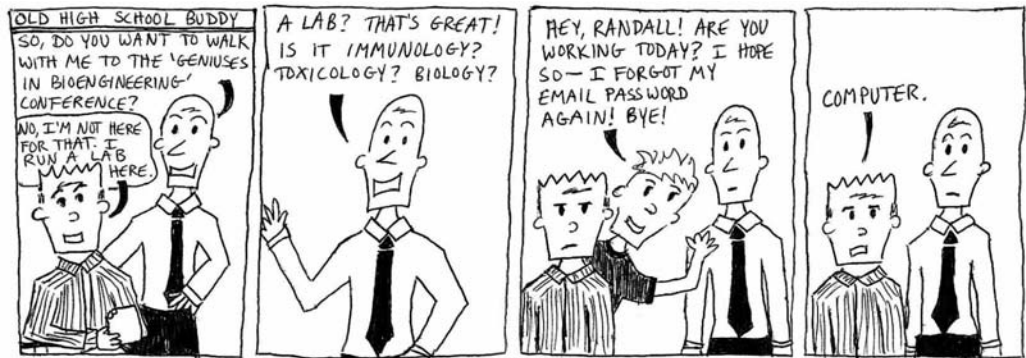
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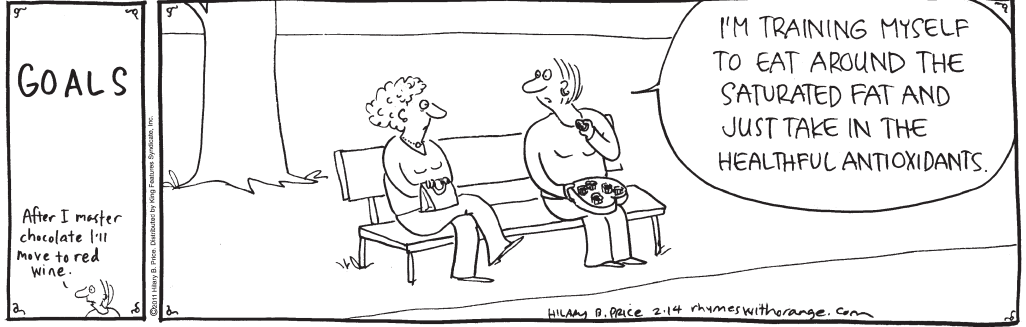
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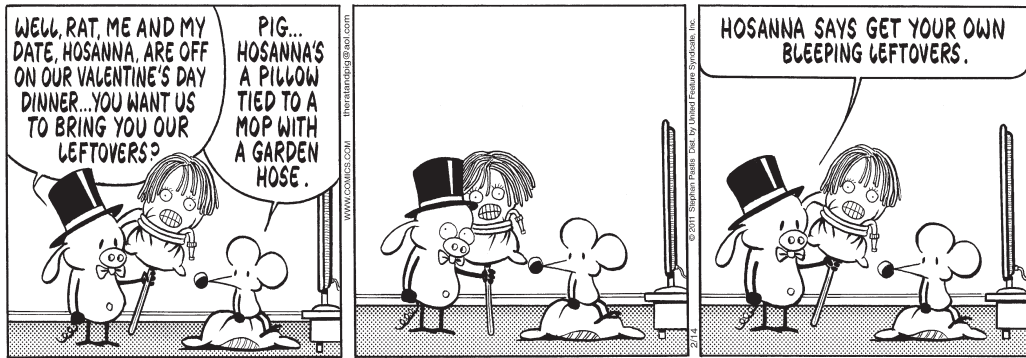
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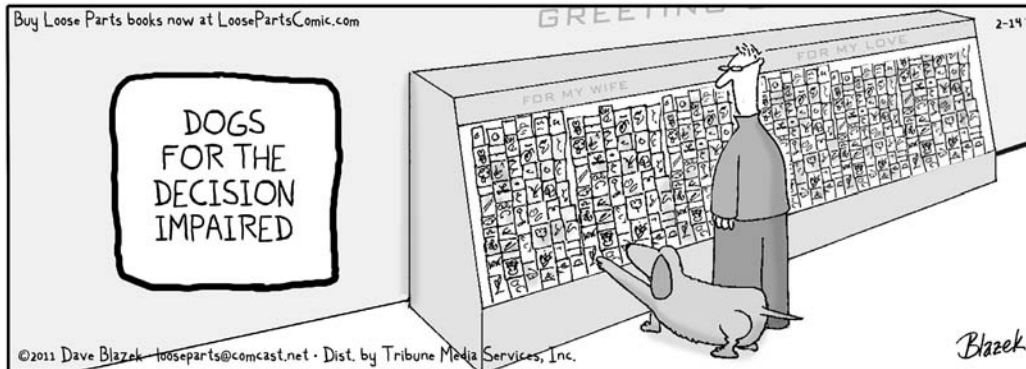
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# Statesman Back Burner

Monday  
**Feb. 14**

- Healthy Relationships and Sexual Responsibility Week
- Honey for Your Honey Valentine's Sale, TSC, all day
- Drop-in Math class, all day
- Last day to sign up for USU's So You Think You Can Dance?
- ASUSU Bio Sketch due at 12 p.m.
- Aggie FACS club selling roses, TSC, 9:30-2:30 p.m.
- Dating Game and Expert Panel, TSC, 10 a.m.
- SHRM Lunch Series, OC Tanner Lounge, 11:30 a.m.
- Vagina Monologues, TSC Auditorium, 7 p.m.

Tuesday  
**Feb. 15**

- Healthy Relationships and Sexual Responsibility Week
- URCO GRANTS Due, Noon
- So You Think You Can Dance meeting, TSC, 3:00 p.m.
- Volunteer Income Tax Assistance, Eccles business building, 5 p.m.
- CIL Short Course, Eccles Science auditorium, 5:30 p.m.
- Maceys cooking class, 7 p.m.
- Vienna Piano Trio, Performance Hall, 7:30 p.m.
- Vagina Monologues, TSC Auditorium, 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday  
**Feb. 16**

- Healthy Relationships and Sexual Responsibility Week
- Powder Wagon, TSC Parking Lot, 8 a.m.
- Perfectionism and Procrastination Workshop, TSC 3:30
- Reuse, Reduce, Recycle Auction, 6 p.m.

## Theater production You need to know...

Our Country's Good theater production on Feb. 17-19 and 23-26 at 7:30 p.m. in the Morgan Theatre. A historic drama about the lives of English convicts in 18th century Australia.

## Jazz Night

Tickets on sale for the 7th annual Jazz Night at the Sky Club. Tickets are \$46 and are available at the USU Ticket Office in the Spectrum through Feb. 14. Overnight packages for two available. Event will be held Feb. 17-19 in the Skyroom. For more information about Jazz Night at the Sky Club contact Ann Marie Wallace at (435) 770-4963.

## Perfectionism

Perfectionism and Procrastination Workshop Feb. 16, in TSC 335 from 3:30-4:30 p.m. You do not have to register to attend. For additional information, please contact the Academic Resource Center at (435) 797-1128.

## USU SYTYCD

WANTED: Contestants for USU's So You Think You Can Dance! All dance styles welcome! Sign up by Feb. 14 in the Student Involvement Office. There will be a meeting Feb. 15 on the 3rd floor of the TSC at 3 p.m.! Competition will be Feb. 24 in the TSC Ballroom! CASH PRIZE for the winner and Celebrity Judge.

## Chinese New Year

The CSSA will host a Chinese New Year Banquet on Feb. 19 at 6 p.m.. Authentic Chinese Dinner will be served along with great entertainment! Tickets are now available at TSC Card Office.

## URCO Grants

URCO GRANTS Due 15 Feb. noon. Electronic delivery encouraged to Joyce.Kinhead@usu.edu. See: <https://research.usu.edu/undergrad/htm/funding?opportunities/urco> for details.

Liz Williams, PharmD, has agreed to come speak about **pharmacy as a career** and the pharmacy school application experience! She is currently working as a clinical pharmacist in the inpatient pharmacy in Logan Regional Hospital.

The Aggie FACS Club will be **selling roses** in the TSC by the bookstore on Valentines Day from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. for \$2 per rose. There will be a variety of colors, each having a special meaning for your special someone, friends, or roommates!

**Reuse, Reduce, Recycle (RRR)** Auction held weekly on Wednesdays 6:00 p.m. 244 S Main. Live auctioneer, food vendors, and lots of goods to be sold and fun to be had. Please stop by early and browse the auction and sign up to be a bidder!

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Chamber Music Society of Logan: **Vienna Piano Trio** will perform at 7:30 p.m. in the Performance Hall on Feb. 15.

**Vagina Monologues** presented by the LGBTA of USU as part of Women's History Month on Feb. 14. The event is free and all are welcome. TSC Auditorium, 7 p.m.

A concert, "**Center Stage: Music by Women Composers**" presented by women musicians of USU and Dr. Cindy Dewey as part of Women's History Month on Feb. 18. The event is free and open to all. Performance Hall 7:30 p.m.

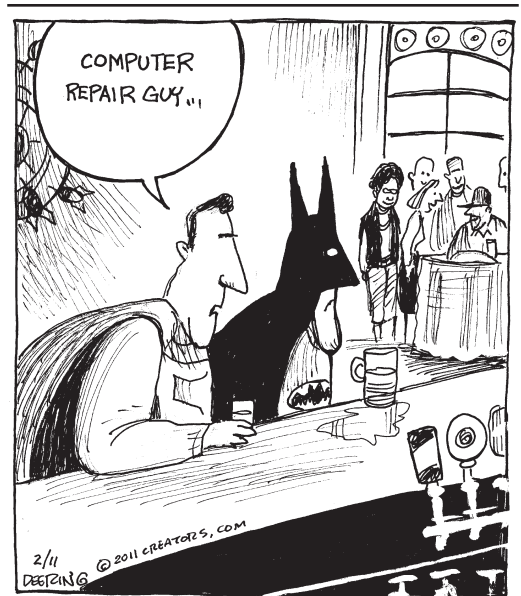
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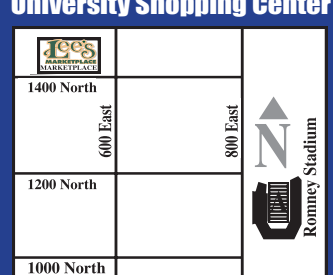
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